Joint Venture for PSUs

3000. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to enter into joint venture for a large number of PSUs and their subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry will then be left with inadequate work; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to bring all industry related Ministries under one Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The Government's policy towards public sector is to:

— Restructure and revive potentially viable PSUs.
— Close down PSUs which can not be revived;
— Bring down Government equity in all non-strategic PSUs to 26% or lower, if necessary; and
— Fully protect the interests of workers.

In the disinvestment process, whenever the Government retains an equity stake, the resultant would be a JV.

(c) and (d) As per available information, presently there is no proposal to bring all industry related Ministries under one Ministry.

New Auto Policy

3001. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet has approved the New Auto Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) whether any incentives are going to be given to the auto industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Auto Policy has been approved by the Government and laid on the Table of the House of 7th March, 2002.

Non-payment of dues to employees by PSUs

3002. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of public sector undertakings which have not paid statutory dues to their employees, so far;

(b) the reasons for non-payment of dues;

(c) by when these employees are likely to get their full dues; and

(d) the number of employees affected as a result thereof, undertaking-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As per information available, the names of CPSUs with pending statutory dues, are given in the Statement alongwith the number of employees affected *(see* below). Pending statutory dues, in most of these enterprises, arc generally because of resource crunch. CPSUs have been making efforts to improve their 'performance. The Government has been assisting them with interim accommodation, rehabilitation and JV formation. In case of JV formation/closure, the Government helps liquidate all employee related liabilities.